

CLEAN SWEEP

a murder mystery

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SEASON ONE:

1997/09/06 Clean Sweep S1 Ep1 (1) The Ice Boy

1997/09/13 Clean Sweep S1 Ep2 (2) Suddenly This Summer
This week on The Mystery Project, the new mystery series, "Clean Sweep," continues. It answers the question... Who knows more about what's being swept under the carpet than the cleaning lady? Set in rural Nova Scotia, Clean Sweep follows the continuing adventures of Bonni Marsden, a 45-year-old mother of four who hires herself out as a housekeeper after losing her long time job at the Credit Union. Who says you can't find good help these days? Check out Bonnie Marsden as the savvy cleaning lady on "Clean Sweep" this Saturday evening on Mystery Project at 6:30 (7:30 AT, 8:00 NT) on CBC Radio One.

1997/09/20 Clean Sweep S1 Ep3 (3) Deer In The Headlight
This week on The Mystery Project, Who knows more about what's been swept under the carpet than the cleaning lady? In CBC Radio One's new mystery series Clean Sweep, a housekeeper finds more dirt than she bargained for. Deborah Allen stars as Bonnie Marsden, a forty-five-year-old mother of four who hires herself out as a housekeeper after losing her job at the local credit union. But she didn't realize she'd be tackling everything... from mud rooms to murder. In this week's episode, "Deer In The Headlight," a woman finds her husband - the local game warden - shot dead in their kitchen. That's this Saturday evening on Mystery Project at 6:30 (7:30 AT, 8:00 NT) on CBC Radio One.

1997/09/27 Clean Sweep S1 Ep4 (4) Seven Crows a Secret

1997/10/04 Clean Sweep S1 Ep5 (5) Back of His Hand

1997/10/11 Clean Sweep S1 Ep6 (6) The Head Cheese
This week on The Mystery Project, the latest installment of "Clean Sweep," featuring cleaning lady-turned-sleuth Bonnie Marsden. This week's mystery revolves around Bonnie's former boss, the head of the local Credit Union. Unravel the mystery of "The Head Cheese," this Saturday evening on Mystery Project at 6:30 (7:30 AT, 8:00 NT) on CBC Radio One.

1997/10/18 Clean Sweep S1 Ep7 (7) Death By Innuendo

1997/10/25 Clean Sweep S1 Ep8 (8) Silver Threads & Golden Needles

1997/11/01 Clean Sweep S1 Ep9 (9) Ethyl & Methyl
This week on The Mystery Project, more of "Clean Sweep," the story of Bonnie Marsden, a woman who tidies up messes more profound than waxy yellow buildup on your floors. This week's episode is "Ethyl and Methyl." When 85-year-old Vaughn Chambers dies from drinking bad home-brew, most people figure it must have come from long-time Valley moonshiner Ruby McLean. But things are rarely that simple. That's Clean Sweep, this Saturday evening on Mystery Project at 6:30 (7:30 AT, 8:00 NT) on CBC Radio One

1997/11/08 Clean Sweep S1 Ep10 (10) Loose Lips

This week on The Mystery Project, more of Clean Sweep, featuring cleaning-woman-turned-detective Bonnie Marsden. This week, Bonnie and Ben act as housekeeper and chauffeur for a Hollywood star on a location shoot. But there's a catch: they have to be very discreet. Don't miss "Loose Lips" this Saturday evening on Mystery Project at 6:30 (7:30 AT, 8:00 NT) on CBC Radio One.

1997/11/15 Clean Sweep S1 Ep11 (11) Borderline Collie"

This week on The Mystery Project, more of "Clean Sweep," the series that features cleaning-woman-turned-sleuth Bonnie Marsden. This week's story, "The Borderline Collie," features the Marsdens' dog Floyd. The unpredictable pooch thwarts a late-night burglar. But the puzzling question is: what did the robber want from the Marsdens? Find out this Saturday evening on Mystery Project at 6:30 (7:30 AT, 8:00 NT) on CBC Radio One.

1997/11/22 Clean Sweep S1 Ep12 (12) The Al Capone of Membertou County

This week on The Mystery Project, more of "Clean Sweep," the series that features Bonnie Marsden, a cleaning woman with a knack for solving crimes. In tonight's story, "The Al Capone of Membertou County," Ben helps a couple of strangers when their car gets stuck. Then he gets a call from the R.C.M.P....That's "Clean Sweep," this Saturday evening on Mystery Project at 6:30 (7:30 AT, 8:00 NT) on CBC Radio One.

1997/11/29 Clean Sweep S1 Ep13 (13) Cross the Mersey
This week on The Mystery Project, more of "Clean Sweep," the series that features Bonnie Marsden, a cleaning lady with a knack for cleaning up more than household dirt. Tonight, in "Cross the Mersey," Bonnie gets a mysterious job offer in Alberta. Seems somebody doesn't want the Marsdens anywhere near Nova Scotia. Find out more in "Cross the Mersey," this Saturday evening on Mystery Project at 6:30 (7:30 AT, 8:00 NT) on CBC Radio One.

1997/12/06 Clean Sweep S1 Ep14 (14) Come From Away
This week on The Mystery Project, more of Clean Sweep, the exploits of cleaning-woman-turned-sleuth Bonnie Marsden. This week, in "Come From Away," Bonnie enlists Ben's support in trying to help Sharon Arnason, a single woman being terrorized in an old rented house. That's "Clean Sweep" this Saturday evening on Mystery Project at 6:30 (7:30 AT, 8:00 NT) on CBC Radio One.

1997/12/13 Clean Sweep S1 Ep15 (15) Waltzing With Hilda
This week on The Mystery Project, more of "Clean Sweep," the series that follows cleaning woman Bonnie Marsden as she cleans up more than just domestic messes. This week, it's "Waltzing With Hilda." Bonnie encounters an elderly couple who don't have Social Insurance or Health cards. Bonnie becomes more suspicious when she notices that the husband's accent couldn't possibly be native to Lunenburg County. That's this Saturday evening on Mystery Project at 6:30 (7:30 AT, 8:00 NT) on CBC Radio One.

1997/12/20 Clean Sweep S1 Ep16 (16) The Face On The Wall
This week on The Mystery Project, more of "Clean Sweep," featuring Bonnie Marsden, a cleaning woman with a nose for mystery. This week, it's "The Face On The Wall." Joyce Hanlan calls the local radio station asking how to remove a ghost from her bedroom wall, and Bonnie's cleaning service comes to the rescue. That's "Clean Sweep," this Saturday evening on Mystery Project at 6:30 (7:30 AT, 8:00 NT) on CBC Radio One.

1997/12/27 Clean Sweep S1 Ep17 (17) Fast Food Franchise Bank
This week on The Mystery Project, a holiday episode planned for the Clean Sweep series, called "Fast Food Franchise Bank."
Nova Scotian cleaning lady/sleuth Bonnie Marsden and her whole family pitch in to find out who's been sabotaging the local Christmas food drive. That's "Fast Food Franchise Bank" on Clean Sweep, this Saturday evening on Mystery Project at 6:30 (7:30 AT, 8:00 NT) on CBC Radio One.

1998/01/03 Ep 18 (18) Never Forget a Face

SEASON TWO

1999/11/06 Clean Sweep S2 Ep1 (18) Cold Storage

This week on The Mystery Project, the start of a new season of Clean Sweep, starring cleaning lady turned sleuth Bonnie Marsden. This week, "Cold Storage": a young city woman soliciting for Greenpeace along the Marsdens' road one chilly January afternoon vanishes, and it seems that the last person to see her was Ben. That's this Saturday evening on the Mystery Project at 6:30 (7:30 AT, 8:00 NT) on CBC Radio One.

1999/11/13 Clean Sweep S2 Ep2 (19) Bottom Feeding Species

1999/11/20 Clean Sweep S2 Ep3 (20) Brown-Eyed Girl

More of Clean Sweep this week on The Mystery Project. In "Brown-Eyed Girl, " the whole Marsden clan is thunderstruck when a young woman shows up, claiming that Ben is her long-lost father. That's this Saturday evening on the Mystery Project at 6:30 (7:30 AT, 8:00 NT) on CBC Radio One.

1999/11/27 Clean Sweep S2 Ep4 (21) Play Mystery For Me

This week on The Mystery Project, "Play Mystery For Me." Bonnie happens to be housecleaning for radio announcer Bob Smiley when he gets a very strange voice mail message. That's this Saturday evening on the Mystery Project at 6:30 (7:30 AT, 8:00 NT) on CBC Radio One.

1999/12/04 Clean Sweep S2 Ep5 (22) Prickly Porcupines
This week on The Mystery Project, "Prickly Porcupines."
When cranky Elwin Dodge "accidentally" does himself in
while trying to shoot porcupines chewing on his back porch,
Bonnie just can't help asking a few questions about it. That's
Clean Sweep this Saturday evening on the Mystery Project at
6:30 (7:30 AT, 8:00 NT) on CBC Radio One.

**1999/12/11 Clean Sweep S2 Ep6 (23) The Iver Johnson
Special**
This week on The Mystery Project, "The Iver Johnson
Special." Bachelor machinist Charlie Warner seems like just
a harmless eccentric...until a young boy in the woods shoots
himself with the same kind of antique gun Bonnie's seen in
Charlie's collection. That's Clean Sweep, this Saturday
evening on the Mystery Project at 6:30 (7:30 AT, 8:00 NT) on
CBC Radio One.

2000/01/08 Clean Sweep S2 Ep7 (24) Birdseye View
This week on The Mystery Project, more of Clean Sweep,
starring Bonnie Marsden, the cleaning lady who tackles
murders as handily as she takes on messes. Now that Ben's
moved out of house and home, Bonnie needs Darcy's help
trying to figure out who's chopping down those ancient
maples at the back end of the Marsden property. That's this
Saturday evening on the Mystery Project at 6:30 (7:30 AT,
8:00 NT) on CBC Radio One.

2000/01/15 Clean Sweep S2 Ep8 (25) Four Feet Down

This week on The Mystery Project, "Four Feet Down." Just as Moyle Marsden arrives home for a couple of weeks from the oil rigs, Rose Coffin discovers her prized team of Percherons dead in the pasture. Meanwhile kid brother Robbie struggles with a conundrum of his own. That's Clean Sweep, this Saturday evening on the Mystery Project at 6:30 (7:30 AT, 8:00 NT) on CBC Radio One.

2000/01/22 Clean Sweep S2 Ep9 (26) I'll Be Seeing You

This week on The Mystery Project, more of Clean Sweep. This week, "I'll Be Seeing You": the nefarious Jack Burton wheedles his way out of the Kingston Pen and heads straight for Nova Scotia with his heart set on revenge - especially against the Marsdens. That's Clean Sweep, this Saturday evening on the Mystery Project at 6:30 (7:30 AT, 8:00 NT) on CBC Radio One.

2000/01/29 Clean Sweep S2 Ep10 (27) An Embarrassment

This week on The Mystery Project, more of Clean Sweep. This week, "An Embarrassment": Gossip, innuendo and tongue-wagging community nastiness prevail this week, just as Bonnie and Ben seem to be patching things up. Bonnie starts out asking questions out of self-defence, but that's just a start...That's "Clean Sweep," this Saturday evening on the Mystery Project at 6:30 (7:30 AT, 8:00 NT) on CBC Radio One.

2000/02/05 Clean Sweep S2 Ep11 (28) The Senator's Lady
This week on The Mystery Project, more of Clean Sweep.
This week, "The Senator's Lady." When Nora, wife of redoubtable Senator Tom MacPhail, just up and leaves him, Bonnie suspects there's more going on than anyone's saying. But in order to probe the lives of public figures, she needs special help from Kowalchuk. That's Clean Sweep, this Saturday evening on the Mystery Project at 6:30 (7:30 AT, 8:00 NT) on CBC Radio One.

2000/02/12 Clean Sweep S2 Ep12 (29) White Walls
This week on The Mystery Project, more of Clean Sweep.
This week, "White Walls." W. C. "Win" Sparkes has an enormous but fragile heart, runs his own plastering business and owns one of the biggest houses in "Statesville", the largest black community in the province. How does any of that make him a target for racist hate mail? That's this Saturday evening on the Mystery Project at 6:30 (7:30 AT, 8:00 NT) on CBC Radio One.

2000/02/19 Clean Sweep S2 Ep13 (30) Response Time
This week on The Mystery Project, the final episode of Clean Sweep - for now, anyway. "Response Time" is really an Eastern – a Western set in Nova Scotia. When thieves rob rural homes and are always long gone before the Mounties get there, Bonnie figures Kowalchuk's only option is to organize a posse. That's Clean Sweep, this Saturday evening on the Mystery Project at 6:30 (7:30 AT, 8:00 NT) on CBC Radio One.

Bonnie Marsden is a forty-five and a mother of four who hires herself out as a housekeeper when she loses her job as a loans officer in a small Nova Scotia town. Bonnie ends up doing more than housework as mystery, mayhem and murder abound in her home town of Membertou County. Each week brings a startling new case.

The series stars Deborah Allen as Bonnie and a host of other characters, including Richard Donat as Bonnie's husband, Big Ben; Michael Pellerin as RCMP Cpl. Kowalchuk; and George Jordan as local radio announcer Bob Smiley.

Music for the series is composed by Scott Macmillan and Dave MacIsaac.

Produced and directed in Halifax.



Deborah Allen



Richard Donat



Michael Pellerin



George Jordan

Alf Silver

Alf Silver has been a playwright, an actor, and a songwriter, as well as a short-order cook, nude model, and day labourer. He grew up in various places across the Canadian prairies. He now lives with his wife in a farm-house at Ardoise, Nova Scotia, and devotes his time to researching and writing historical novels. Alfred has produced radio plays for the CBC programs Clean Sweep for The Mystery Project, Vanishing Point, Different Drummer, Cranks and Stereo Morning.

DEB ALLEN

Deborah Allen has fifty years of acting experience. Her training began in Halifax as Neptune Theatre's first apprentice in 1965. She trained privately in Toronto with the Actors' Studio; with private voice and singing teachers and the New Dance Group of Canada. Over the years she has attended many professional development workshops in the theatre arts. Her stage experience is extensive – she has appeared in a range of roles from the classics like Shakespeare and Shaw to contemporary farce and musical theatre. Throw in some cabaret and lots of Em Ceeing. Deb's experience also includes over forty years of work in radio at CBC as a news reader and host. She also starred in the popular Clean Sweep Series, heard on the CBC national network; The Backbencher series and countless radio dramas over the years. She has also appeared in tv shows like Black Harbour where she played the sometimes cantankerous Marge. Deb also has a long list of film credits

including Bag of Bones, opposite Pierce Brosnan for which she won the Actra Maritme's award for outstanding female performance. Her work as a simulator dates to the 1980s when she began doing some programs for diagnostic nurses working in the far north. Other experiences have included role-play around crisis situations related to off shore oil rig rescue; suicide assessment interviews; challenging situations for workman's compensation board training staff. The bulk of her simulation work is for the Dalhousie Medical school where she takes part in a regular role-play and feedback program for first and second year students. Very often doing similar work for the school of nursing; physio and occupational therapy; pharmacy and human communications. Often the skills required are those of improvisation where you are required to turn a situation around on a dime with very little background material; delivering bad news work with paramedics; remedial work with doctors through the College of Physicians; dealing with the angry patient and also working with doctors from other countries as they adjust to our culture and medical practice working on language and comprehension issues as well as the clinical. Deb enjoys the challenge that this work provides and the opportunity to meet and learn from such a diverse group of people.

Bill Howell



Since 1977, Bill was a network producer-director with CBC Radio Drama in Toronto.

He's been executive producer of THE MYSTERY PROJECT; series such as Midnight Cab, Clean Sweep, Peggy Delaney and The Old Guy.

Bill Howell, one of the original Storm Warning poets, has had an award-winning literary career spanning four decades. Howell has four collections of poetry: The Red Fox (McClelland & Stewart, 1971), In A White Shirt (Black Moss, 1982), Moonlight Saving Time (Wolsak & Wynn, 1990) and Porcupine Archery (Insomniac Press, 2009). Ghost Test Flights, a chapbook, was published in 2008 by Rubicon Press in Edmonton. He has lived in Toronto for more than half his life.

POEMS

Across the Street from the Tree of Life

Calling It In, Regent Park

Detachment

Management Has Decided

Welcome to My Fort

Late Light

Bill's writing has appeared in literary journals and anthologies across Canada, in the United Kingdom and the United States. He has recent work in Antigonish Review, Canadian Literature, Descant, Event, Literary Review of Canada, Magma (UK), Malahat Review, New Quarterly, New York Quarterly, Nthposition (UK), Rampike, and The Best Canadian Poetry in English, 2008.

Howell was born in Liverpool, England, in 1946. He grew up in Halifax, Nova Scotia, and has a BA in English from Dalhousie University. He was a network CBC Radio Drama producer-director for almost three decades, 23 years as a Program Executive Producer. Based in Toronto, travelling to: Halifax, Winnipeg, Regina, Calgary, Edmonton, Ottawa, Yellowknife, Victoria, Vancouver, Charlottetown, New York, Pittsburgh, Washington. Air Farce, Johnny Chase, CBC Playhouse, Sussex Drive, CBC Stage, Nightfall, Sunday Matinee (Canadian Free Theatre, Playing For Keeps), The Mystery Project (Midnight Cab, Clean Sweep, Peggy Delaney,

Delaney, The Old Guy). His plays have garnered multiple ACTRA and international awards. (See CBC Program Archives.) This lifetime of working in dramatic dialogue echoes through his poetry and serves him well for readings.


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Bob Boving

Host of The Mystery Project.

Over 35 years broadcast experience 20 years radio - 17 years as network voice of CBC TV - tens of thousands of promos, trailers, billboards, corporate voice over, radio & TV commercials. Current voice of Detroit Pistons, Miami Hurricanes, Comcast, Time-Life, Stihl, Best Buy, Toyota.

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